



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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November 29, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF TWO QUINT-TYPE AERIAL  
LADDER APPARATUS, TWELVE PUMPER-TYPE FIRE APPARATUS  
AND ONE FOAM PUMPER-TYPE APPARATUS  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting approval to authorize the purchase of two quint-type aerial ladder apparatus, twelve pumper-type fire apparatus, and one foam pumper-type fire apparatus. The estimated total cost is \$ 7,600,000. This purchase exceeds the \$250,000 capital asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the acquisition process.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE  
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Approve the District's request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the purchase of two quint-type aerial ladder apparatus, twelve pumper-type fire apparatus, and one foam pumper-type fire apparatus.
2. Find that these purchases are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061 (b) (3) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS  
ARTESIA  
AZUSA  
BALDWIN PARK  
BELL  
BELL GARDENS  
BELLFLOWER

BRADBURY  
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ROSEMEAD  
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SIGNAL HILL  
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TEMPLE CITY  
WALNUT  
WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WESTLAKE VILLAGE  
WHITTIER

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The District has a 20-year replacement plan for fire apparatus, consisting of 15 years of front line service and 5 years of reserve service. A quint-type aerial ladder apparatus provides the ability to perform both as a fire suppression pumper and as an aerial ladder truck. A pumper-type fire apparatus provides structural and wildland fire suppression and emergency medical response capabilities. A foam-pumper-type apparatus provides fire suppression for large petroleum and chemical fires. Acquiring these apparatus will allow us to maintain our current apparatus replacement schedule.

The new apparatus will have enclosed cabs, improved fire fighter safety features, cost-effective components that will reduce annual operating costs and increase efficiency, and lower emission diesel engines. These will allow us to continue providing prompt, skillful, and cost-effective fire protection and life safety services.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness, by adhering to the District's Financial Plan remaining within budget, preserving emergency services and minimizing reliance on one-time funds; and Goal #5, Public Safety, for changes in service delivery aimed at generating additional cost-reducing efficiencies while preserving emergency response times and basic departmental public services to the people of Los Angeles County.

### **Strategic Asset Management Principles Compliance**

Not Applicable

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

A quint-type aerial ladder apparatus costs \$980,000 and the estimated cost of the two quint-type aerial ladder apparatus is \$1,960,000. A pumper-type fire apparatus costs \$420,000 and the estimated cost of the twelve pumper-type fire apparatus is \$5,040,000. The cost of one foam pumper-type apparatus is approximately \$600,000. The total estimated cost is \$ 7,600,000.

The District has sufficient funding in Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget units under Special Services Bureau, Capital Assets #65, 66, and 67.

The maintenance of these apparatus will be funded from the District's Operating Budget.

There is no impact on net County cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The nature of fire fighting and National Fire Protection Agency requirements have changed dramatically, and the new apparatus will be significantly more efficient and effective than the ones they are replacing.

The recommended actions has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel, and the Chief Executive Office.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The acquisition of the apparatus is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The new apparatus will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, environment, and property in a safer, more efficient and cost effective manner.

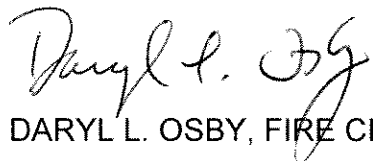
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**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval, please return a copy of the adopted letter to the following office:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County  
Executive Office, Business Operations  
1320 N. Eastern Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90063  
Attention: Acting Chief Deputy David R. Richardson

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daryl L. Osby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daryl" being more prominent than the last name "Osby".

DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

DLO:cw

c: Chief Executive Office  
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Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
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Randi Tahara  
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Susan Nissman  
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